

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Ms. Stevens, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mrs. Taube, Mr. Flood, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Bryan, and Ms. Stevens. Dr. Hancock was also present. Mr. Nuzzo was excused.

Ms. Stevens, President, opened

Consent/Approve item C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers and item D – Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000 were pulled from the consent agenda.

The Board then considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item XI-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, and Resignations as contained in the agenda.

Consent-Approve item XI-B – Minutes of the 8/27/13 and 9/10/13 Special and Executive Sessions, 9/12/13 Special Meetings (2 sets), 8/27/13 Regular Meeting, and 9/12/13 Annual Meeting of Electors as contained in the agenda.

Mr. Bryan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Susan Valeri, Director of Special Education and Student Support, presented Policy/Rule 5280 – Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) submitted by Ms. Pamela Black, Coordinator of Special Education and Student Support; Ms. Valeri; and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“This Policy was last adopted in May of 2004 and no longer aligns with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction directives regarding students who are identified under the McKinney-Vento Act. The revision of Policy and Rule 5280 is a requirement for receiving an annual grant from DPI for the purpose of the District’s implementation of our responsibilities to homeless children and unaccompanied youth.

At its September 10, 2013, meeting, the Personnel/Policy Standing Committee voted to forward Policy and Rule 5280 to the School Board for consideration. Administration recommends that the School Board approve revised Policy and Rule 5280 – Education for Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth (EHCY) as a first reading this evening and as a second reading at the October 22, 2013, regular board meeting.”

Mr. Bryan moved to approve revised Policy and Rule 5280 – Education for Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth (EHCY) as a first reading this evening and as a second reading at the October 22, 2013, regular board meeting. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Keckler distributed and presented the Updated Preliminary Third Friday Enrollment numbers. He noted that the enrollment numbers are still preliminary and will not be finalized until after next Friday as efforts are still being made to verify absences. An anticipated recovery of 85-90% is expected. He indicated that classroom sizes have and will continue to be monitored.

Views and comments from Board members were made in response to Dr. Hancock’s PowerPoint presentation given earlier during the Superintendent’s Report in regards to the Update of Goal #1 – Student Achievement of the Transformation Plan. Dr. Hancock reiterated her recommendation of “What’s Next” which consisted of the following:

Establish committees to convert the strategic plan into a long-range plan that is aligned with school board policies;

Analyze the Transformation Plan and board policies;

Improve/design an enhanced strategic plan for KUSD containing more clearly defined measures related to SMART goals;

Build the future strategic plan based on feedback and audit results;

The board and administration need to align board policies to carry out strategies within the plan;

The board needs to develop goals for expanding and implementing the future plan;

The established committees need to create a plan to educate stakeholders on the plan to create ownership and buy-in (current and future); and

Utilize the recommendations from the curriculum audit for strategic planning.

